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1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF MFA COMMUNIQUE ON NORTH VIETNAMESE
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2. BEGIN TEXT: TRAMPLING ON THE PARIS AGREEMENT AND ON THE
ASPIRATIONS FOR PEACE OF THE WORLD PEOPLES, THE NORTH
VIETNAMESE COMMUNISTS IN THE PAST 3 WEEKS HAVE COMMITTED
20 DIVISIONS AND THOUSANDS OF TANKS AND HEAVY ARTILLERY
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AFTER REGULARLY VIOLATING THE CEASE-FIRE AGREEMENT FOR 2

YEARS BY COMMITTING TERRORIST ACTS AGAINST CIVILIANS AND LAUNCHING LIMITED MILITARY ATTACKS, THE NORTH VIETNAMESE COMMUNISTS HAVE TAKEN YET ANOTHER IMPORTANT STEP IN THE COURSE OF THEIR SABOTAGE OF THE PARIS AGREEMENT AND HAVE SHIFTED TO THE STATE OF GENERAL OFFENSIVE.

THE FRENZIED ACTS OF WAR CARRIED OUT BY THE NORTH VIETNAMESE COMMUNISTS NOT ONLY CONSTITUTE A DENIAL OF THE 27 JANUARY 1973 PARIS AGREEMENT ON ENDING THE WAR AND RESTORING PEACE IN VIETNAM AND A BRAZEN NEGATION OF THE 20 JULY 1954 GENEVA AGREEMENTS ON VIETNAM, THEY ALSO REPRESENT A TYPICAL CASE OF AGGRESSION, ACCORDING TO INTERNATIONAL LAW AND THE VARIOUS RESOLUTIONS OF THE UNITED NATIONS.

ARTICLE 3 OF THE RESOLUTION NO. 3,314 ADOPTED ON 14 DECEMBER 1974 BY THE UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY STIPULATED: ANY ENCROACHMENT OR ATTACK ON THE TERRITORY OF ONE NATION BY THE ARMED FORCES OF ANOTHER NATION, AS WELL AS ANY MILITARY OCCUPATION, EVEN IF IT IS ONLY TEMPORARY, RESULTING FROM SUCH AN ENCROACHMENT OR ATTACK ON THE TERRITORY OF ONE NATION BY THE ARMED FORCES OF ANOTHER NATION, AS WELL AS ANY MILITARY OCCUPATION, EVEN IF IT IS ONLY TEMPORARY, RESULTING FROM SUCH AN ENCROACHMENT OF ATTACK, IS CONSIDERED AN ACT OF AGGRESSION.

THE RVN FOREIGN MINISTRY SOLEMNLY AFFIRMS THAT THE TERRITORIES TEMPORARILY OCCUPIED BY THE NORTH VIETNAMESE COMMUNIST TROOPS IN THE COURSE OF THEIR BRUTAL OFFENSIVE CAN IN NO WAY BE CONSIDERED AS TERRITORIES OF THE SO-CALLED NFLSV. IN FACT, AS EVERYONE KNOWS, THE SO-CALLED NFLSV IS ONLY SERVING AS A FACADE FOR THE NORTH VIETNAMESE EXPEDITIONARY CORPS. INDEED, ARTICLE 5 OF THE AFOREMENTIONED UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION STIPULATES: NO ENCROACHMENT ON ANY TERRITORY RESULTING FROM AGGRESSION MAY BE CONSIDERED LEGAL.

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FURTHERMORE, THE PARIS AGREEMENT STIPULATES THAT THE ARMED FORCES OF THE BELLIGERENT PARTIES MUST CEASE FIRE AND REMAIN IN PLACE AS OF 28 JANUARY 1973. THEREFORE, ALL OF THE NIBBLING ACTS

OCCURRING AFTER 28 JANUARY 1973 HAVE BEEN ILLEGAL, BECAUSE THEY HAVE BEEN AT VARIANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE PARIS AGREEMENT.

FOR THESE REASONS, THE NORTH VIETNAMESE COMMUNISTS AND THEIR LACKEY ORGANIZATION HAVE NO RIGHT WHATSOEVER TO THE TERRITORIES THAT THEY HAVE ILLEGALLY NIBBLED AT SINCE 28 JANUARY 1973, INCLUDING THE TERRITORIES THEY HAVE RECENTLY NIBBLED AT IN THEIR RECENT GENERAL OFFENSIVE. NO NATION AND NO INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION CAN ACCORD THEM ANY RIGHT TO THESE TERRITORIES WITHOUT RUNNING COUNTER TO THE PARIS AGREEMENT AND TO THE UN CHARTER AND RESOLUTIONS.

AS FAR AS IT IS CONCERNED, THE RVN SOLEMNLY CONFIRMS ITS SOVEREIGNTY OVER ALL OF ITS TERRITORY, FROM THE 17TH PARALLEL TO THE POINT OF CA MAU, AS PRESCRIBED IN THE 20 JULY 1954 GENEVA AGREEMENTS ON VIETNAM AND CONFIRMED BY THE PARIS AGREEMENT OF 27 JANUARY 1973. FOR THESE REASONS, THE RVN CONSIDERS AS NULL AND VOID ANY POLITICAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS THAT THE NORTH VIETNAMESE COMMUNISTS MIGHT SET UP IN THE TERRITORIES THEY HAVE ILLEGALLY NIBBLED AT AND OCCUPIED. NOR CAN THE NORTH VIETNAMESE COMMUNISTS AND THEIR LACKEYS CLAIM THAT THEY CONTROL THE PEOPLE LIVING IN THE TERRITORIES THEY HAVE ILLEGALLY NIBBLED AT AND OCCUPIED.

RECENTLY, IGNORING THE WOOLLY AND DECEITFUL TRICKS, THREATS, AND COERCION OF THE COMMUNIST SIDE, HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE, HAVE LEFT BEHIND THEIR PROPERTY AND ACCEPTED ALL RISKS AND HARDSHIPS IN ORDER TO AVOID THE NORTH VIETNAMESE COMMUNIST AGGRESSORS AND TO GO TO AREAS UNDER THE CONTROL OF THE RVN GOVERNMENT. THERE IS NO GREATER OR MORE PRACTICAL VOTING THAN BY FOOT.

THE RVN APPEALS TO THE CONSCIENCE OF THE WORLD PEOPLES IN THE FACE OF THE SUFFERING OF THOSE WHO BELIEVE IN A JUST CAUSE AND FREEDOM AND
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IN THE SOLIDARITY OF THE FREE WORLD AND WHO NOW HAVE TO LEAVE THEIR HOMES, RICEFIELDS AND ORCHARDS AND LIVE AS REFUGEES.

LET THE COUNTRIES IN THE WORLD AND THE INTERNATIONAL CHARITABLE ORGANIZATIONS QUICKLY PROVIDE SUFFICIENT RELIEF TO THE VICTIMS OF THE COMMUNIST AGGRESSION. THESE WAR VICTIMS NOT ONLY NEED ASSISTANCE BUT ALSO PROTECTION. THEIR SUFFERING WILL BE ENDED ONLY WHEN THE PARIS AGREEMENT OF 27 JANUARY 1973 IS RESPECTED AND IMPLEMENTED.

THEREFORE, THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM CALLS ON PEACE AND FREEDOM-LOVING COUNTRIES TO VIGOROUSLY CONDEMN THE BRAZEN GENERAL OFFENSIVE BY COMMUNIST NORTH VIETNAM AND POSITIVELY SUPPORT THE RVN GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE, WHO ARE BEING VICTIMIZED BY THIS AGGRESSION.

THE RVN ARMED FORCES ARE FIGHTING VALIANTLY TO FULFILL THEIR SACRED DUTY OF PROTECTING THE COUNTRY AND THE LIVES OF THE COMPATRIOTS WHILE RESPECTING THE PARIS AGREEMENT. THEY ARE NOT ENCROACHING ON THE TERRITORY OF ANY COUNTRIES AND ARE NOT SEEKING TO IMPOSE ANY REGIME ON ANY PEOPLES CONTRARY TO THE RIGHT OF SELF-DETERMINATION RECOGNIED BY THE UN CHARTER AND THE PARIS AGREEMENT. THEREFORE, THE RVN ARMED FORCES DESERVE TO BE AND MUST BE ADEQUATELY SUPPORTED BY THE FRIENDLY AND ALLIED COUNTRIES OF THE RVN.

IT IS THE OBJECTIVE OF THE STRUGGLE OF THE RVN PEOPLE AND ARMED FORCES TO FORCE THE COMMUNIST SIDE TO STRICTLY RESPECT AND SCRUPULOUSLY IMPLEMENT THE PARIS AGREEMENT OF 27 JANUARY 1973. THERE IS NOT AND THERE CANNOT BE ANY OTHER AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE RVN AND THE COMMUNIST SIDE.

SO LONG AS COMMUNIST NORTH VIETNAM CONTINUES TO VIOLATE THE PARIS AGREEMENT, THE RVN ARMED FORCES AND PEOPLE WILL CONTINUE TO FIGHT. DESPITE THE AGGRESSORS BRUTE FORCE AND THE TEMPORARY DIFFICULTIES OF THE SITUATION, THE RVN'S JUST CAUSE WILL TRIUMPH AND RVN TERRIROT Y WILL BE PROTECTED. END TEXT.
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